

EBENEZER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Rev. Judith A. Emerson, Pastor

May 13, 2018

8:30 AM and 11:00 AM

***7th Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day***

Order of Worship

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Come Thou Almighty King”

arr. By Smith

LIGHTING THE CANDLES

*CALL TO WORSHIP

God of all creation thank you for your love for us from the beginning of time.

**You formed us when we were in our mother's wombs,
you knit us together lovingly.**

Your devotion to us has not failed.

Your care has followed us our whole life long.

All we are and all we have, we owe to you.

**So on this, the Lord's Day, in this house devoted to your glory,
we give honor to you with our hearts and hands and voices.**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

*HYMN

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”

UMH No. 147

OPENING PRAYER

God of great love, today we give thanks for our mothers, those who love us, care for us and nurture us. We remember the mothers who have gone before us and we are thankful for their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy. We remember the mothers of scripture who are part of our stories. We remember those who are like a mother to us. O God of compassion, for those who struggle with fertility, for those who have lost children, for tears and strength and wisdom, we lift our prayers and we thank you for your presence during such difficulties. As we have been loved by our mothers, so we are reminded that we are loved by you, O God. As you grant us peace in Christ Jesus our Lord, we come now to worship in His holy name. Amen.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God who created us knows our true stories and loves us anyway. We come to this time of confession because God wants to know all about us, not just our favorite chapters. Let us now confess our sins to the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, many of us read scripture and we are inspired, encouraged and grateful. But some of us are tempted to doubt that your grace could ever produce these kinds of virtues in our lives. Some of us are tempted by resentment and we cannot forgive others because of those who have let us down. Some of us condemn ourselves for past failings. O God, forgive us for doubt, resentment, unforgiving hearts and self-condemning attitudes. Remind us of your forgiveness, always available in Jesus Christ. We place our trust in your power to transform our lives. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God, so that our lives may bring praise to your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear this good news: God continually shows us another way. God's mercy is as wide as the ocean. God's desire to forgive is as strong as the mighty wind. So let your hearts receive the outpouring of God's love through the Holy Spirit. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Proverbs 22:1-6

OT pg. 570

Biblical proverbs contain general truths, but not promises. The general truth contained in Proverbs 22:6 says parents need to be dedicated to teaching their children to live moral and godly lives, which includes modeling what is right. In fact, the whole focus of this proverb is on the parent, not the child.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:38-42

NT pg. 67

Jesus had three friends who lived in Bethany. He would occasionally stay in their home when He was in Judea. Lazarus, Mary and Martha were brother and sisters. They lived together in the same house, which probably was owned by Martha. At least, Luke records that it was Martha who welcomed the Lord into her house.

This is the Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Knowing When to Sit and When to Serve!” Rev. Judy Emerson

HYMN

“Blessed Assurance”

UMH No. 369

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- Joys and Concerns
- Pastoral Prayer
- The Lord’s Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE GIFTS OF THE PEOPLE

- Announcements
- Offertory (8:30 AM) *“Joy In the Morning”* Chancel Choir
- *Presentation of Gifts
- *Doxology *“Glorify Thy Name”* TFWS No. 2016

**Father, we love you, we worship and adore you.
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Jesus, we love you, we worship and adore you.
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Spirit, we love you, we worship and adore you.
Glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name,
glorify thy name in all the earth!**

*Prayer of Dedication

Generous God, we offer you these gifts today knowing that you are constantly providing for us and caring for us. As we have been abundantly provided for, so we give abundantly to the work of this church. Accept these gifts and use them and us to carry out your will in Jesus’ name. Amen.

- *HYMN *“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”* TFWS No. 2158
- *DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING
- *POSTLUDE

TFWS=*The Faith We Sing Hymnal*
UMH=*The United Methodist Hymnal*
* = *Congregation stands as able*

Welcome to Ebenezer United Methodist Church

Website: ebenezerumchurch.org

Church Office Hours – Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Worship: 8:30 AM & 11:00 AM

Sunday School 9:45 AM

May 13, 2018

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Nursery Coordinator: Bridgett Estes

	2018 Regular Offering Summary		
	Actual	Budget	Difference
4/29/18	4,849.00	3,866.83	982.17
Year to Date	73,317.40	69,602.94	3,714.46

Attendance Last Week
97

Notes

Nursery for Infants through Kindergarten is every Sunday at 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM.

Children's Church for Pre-K through 5th Grades is the 2nd and 4th Sunday at 11:00 AM.

The Attendance Roster is at the end of each pew. Please sign in and pass it to others.

Worship Today

Service	8:30 AM	11:00 AM
Greeters	Jim Leary	Dave Biddinger
Ushers	Jim & Doris Leary	Scott & Sharon Lange
Liturgist	Bill Jones	Deb Mathias

This Week's Schedule

Sunday, May 13 th	Confirmation Practice	Noon
Monday, May 14 th	Feed My Sheep	10:30 AM
Tuesday, May 15 th	Brinton Woods	10:30 AM
Wednesday, May 16 th	Chancel Choir	7:30 PM
Thursday, May 17 th	WOWS	7:00 PM
Saturday, May 19 th	Food Pantry	9:00-11:00 AM

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PENTECOST SUNDAY – May 20th is Pentecost Sunday and the liturgical color for that day is red. Please wear something red next week as we celebrate the birthday of the church together!

CONFIRMATION -Next week we will celebrate Confirmation at the 11:00 AM worship service. Please plan to stay after and congratulate Carla, Brian, Katie, Jason, Cole, Luke, Chris, David and William with a cake and punch reception.

SUNDAY SCHOOL - Sunday, May 27th is our last day for Sunday School before we stop for the summer. We will begin again in the fall on Sunday, September 9th. A huge thank you to all our Sunday School volunteers!

KRINGOLD PARK - cleanup is today after church. Please see Chuck Wisner if you'd like to help.

NEWSLETTER – Articles for the June-July-August newsletter are due to the church office by Monday, May 21st.

PANTRY SET UP - Thursday evening (May 17) at 6:30. If you would like to help sorting clothing and house wares we will be happy to have you join us. Any questions you can call Nancy Thompson 410-241-1509.

SAVE THE DATE - EBENEZER PALOOZA JUNE 8TH 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Come join us for an evening of **FUN and Fellowship!** Enjoy an evening of fellowship while listening to Contemporary Christian & Classic Acoustic Rock performed by local musicians and volunteers. Coffee, Tea, Soft Drinks and Desserts will be offered for purchase during the event. So... 1) **Save the date.** 2) **Spread the news to your friends and neighbors.** 3) **Donate an item for the Dessert Cafe - see the bulletin board or Cheri Holl.**

CAMP HOPE DINNER- EUMC will be providing dinner for Camp Hope on June 26th in Frostburg, MD. Here is where we need help: 1. Gift cards to Martins and Weis. 2. Desserts. 3. Cooking & Serving the meal. There will be sign-up sheets on the bulletin board in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Nicole Streaker. 4streakers@comcast.net or (410)635-8232

NURSERY POSITION – If you are interested in joining our paid staff as a Nursery Coordinator on Sundays during worship and Sunday School, please speak to Deb Mathias or Rev. Judy.

ROLLING RIVER RAMPAGE VBS – Sunday, July 22nd – Thursday, July 26th
Look for sign up information in the narthex.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER –Purchase gift cards to your favorite stores and restaurants for your everyday shopping and enjoyment. The church gets a portion of all sales. Orders are placed at least twice a month. Order forms are available in the narthex or go to ShopwithScrip.com and see a more extensive selection! Contact Susan Brown with any questions stmpnsusan@aol.com.